

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1945

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 9, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tule River Tribe
5 Water Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WATER SUPPLY FOR TRIBE.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
10 Commissioner of Reclamation.

11 (2) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the Tule
12 River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in
13 the State of California.

14 (b) STUDY AND REPORT ON ALTERNATIVES.—

15 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the
16 date on which funds are made available under para-
17 graph (3), the Secretary shall complete a feasibility
18 study to evaluate alternatives (including alternatives
19 for phase I reservoir storage of a quantity of water
20 of not more than 5,000 acre-feet) for the provision
21 of a domestic, commercial, municipal, industrial, and
22 irrigation water supply for the Tribe.

23 (2) REPORT.—On completion of the study
24 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
25 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House

1 of Representatives and the Committees on Energy
2 and Natural Resources and Indian Affairs of the
3 Senate a report describing the results of the study.

4 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
5 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
6 retary \$3,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

7 (c) CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—No project constructed relat-
9 ing to the feasibility study under subsection (b) shall
10 provide any water supply for—

11 (A) the casino of the Tule River Tribe, as
12 in existence on the date of enactment of this
13 Act;

14 (B) any expansion of that casino;

15 (C) any other tribal casino; or

16 (D) any current or future lodging, dining,
17 entertainment, meeting space, parking, or other
18 similar facility in support of a gaming activity.

19 (2) AVAILABILITY OF WATER SUPPLIES.—A
20 water supply provided by a project constructed relat-
21 ing to the feasibility study under subsection (b) shall
22 be available to serve—

23 (A) the domestic, municipal, and govern-
24 mental (including firefighting) needs of the
25 Tribe and members of the Tribe; and

- 1 (B) other commercial, agricultural, and in-
2 dustrial needs not related to a gaming activity.

Passed the House of Representatives July 8, 2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.